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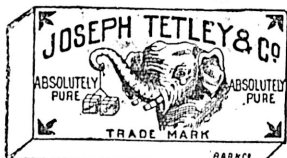
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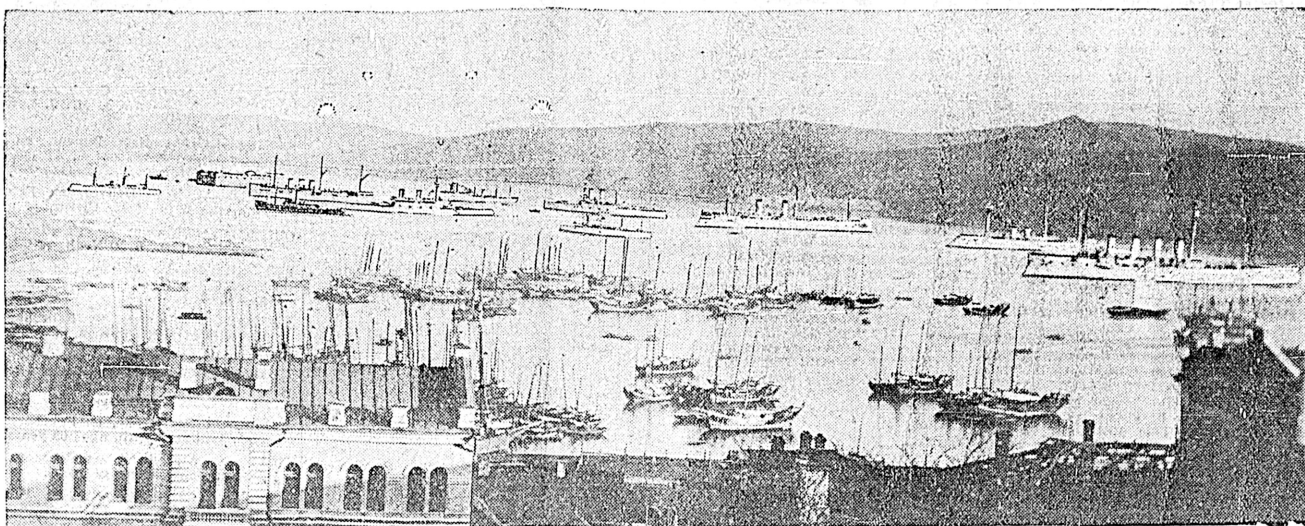
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VLADIVOSTOCK AND THE RUSSIAN FLEET



Scene in Vladivostock Harbor, Showing the Russian Fleet at Anchor.

NAVY MANNING PORT ARTHUR'S GUNS

Gunners From Russian Warships Take Charge of the Forts and Report of a Fresh Attack By the Japanese Is Now Confirmed.

London, Feb. 23.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph under date of February 22nd, reports that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by means of using Russian signals. This despatch appears to confirm reports from various quarters of a fresh attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese.

The report reached Nagasaki from Chefoo, and it adds that the Russian crews of the four torpedo boats have been transferred.

No other news of this attack has been received in London, but the Chefoo correspondent of the Morning Post dated yesterday says the statement is current that the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers in the attack on Port Arthur of February 14th sunk or damaged two Russian battleships in addition to the torpedo boat already reported. It is possible therefore that the report of the Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent also refers to the earlier attack.

A correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now strictly a naval stronghold and the forts are being manned by naval gunners. Only twenty foreigners are in Port Arthur and they are traders disposing of their merchandise. Some of them are under suspicion and there is likelihood of their being arrested. There are many complaints of unwarranted arrests, unexplained expulsions and defamation of character by the Port Arthur police.

The report that large bodies of Cossacks and other troops are occupying

at Masampo, but the naval success enabled the Japanese to begin operations at Chemulpo and a further change of base is highly probable. When ice breaks up troops will be established at Ping Yang in sufficient strength to guard against a sudden Russian descent. It is believed that while the sea power of Russia at Vladivostock is intact, the Japanese will not attempt to land on the western coast of Korea. As an evidence of Japan's intention it is worthy of note that her cruisers are busy patrolling towards the northwest of Korea and that she is not landing artillery at Chemulpo.

Everything suggests an immediate dash for a strategic position in Northern Korea, the correspondent concludes, and it is possible the Russians are considerably further south than it is supposed.

OPERATIONS IN KOREA.
The London Times has received from its correspondent in Korea, via despatch boat from Chemulpo to Wei-Hai-Wei, a despatch in which he tells of Japanese operations in Korea on February 19th. The Times' despatch steamer Haiman arrived at Chemulpo and started for a private anchorage that had been arranged for.

Conspicuous at the entrance of the harbor were the wrecks of the Russian vessels that had been sunk after the engagement with the Japanese. Salvage operations have already been begun on the Varig and the divers were at work on the sunken cruiser. A Japanese army corps was being landed in three divisions. The twelfth division had already

siege guns and sampans are in the harbor at Chemulpo anchored, and no effort has been made to remove their cargoes. From this is argued that an independent movement in the north has been planned and that a rapid dash for a strategic position near the Yalu is in contemplation.

he until April 20 before Russia can raise the strength of her east Asiatic army to 233,000 men.

The Militar is of the opinion that the first thing for Japan to do to compel Russia abandon Manchuria is to concentrate her forces against Harbin.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The American

SWEEPING JAPANESE VICTORY

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

Tokio, Feb. 23.—Advices received from Nagasaki announce another sweeping Japanese naval victory, as the result of which four Russian torpedo destroyers, a part of the Port Arthur defence squadron, have been captured by the Japanese fleet under Admiral Uru. The announcement created intense excitement in Tokio. Details are lacking. One report states that the Japanese commander successfully used the Russian signals, and by that means was enabled to approach close to the Russian scouting squadron before being detected. While the report is generally credited here, no confirmation can be obtained at the Navy department, where it is stated that no word has been received from Admiral Uru in two days. It is believed that the capture took place some time Sunday, as it is generally thought a fourth attack on Port Arthur had been planned for that day.

ADVANCE DRIVEN BACK.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—It is reported that the Russian advance guard of the Yalu has been driven back with a loss of over 2,000. The Emperor has ordered an inquiry into the Port Arthur affair. There will be many dismissals and degradations will be the result. Viceroy Alexieff is looked upon as a disappointment.

Seoul, Feb. 20.—The Americans employed in mining concessions in Northern Korea reached Anju safely on their way to Ping Yang, where they will remain until the river opens unless developments compel all foreigners to leave there for Seoul.

Chefoo, Feb. 20.—The United States warships Wilmington and New Orleans, which arrived here, have suddenly been recalled to the south. It is reported that an incident occurred at Shanghai, probably connected with the present war. The Annapolis, which is expected here tomorrow, has also been recalled to Shanghai.

Alexieff at Harbin

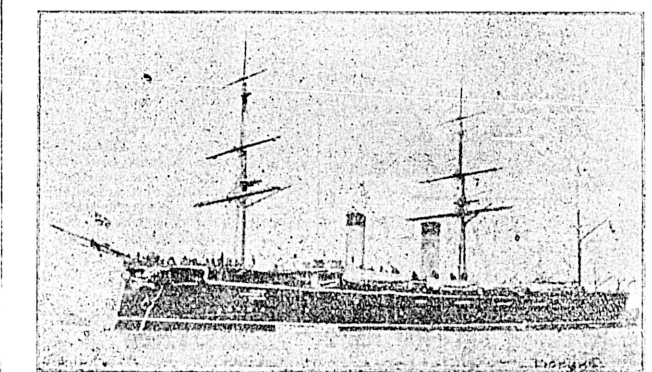
Ying Kow, Feb. 22.—Viceroy Alexieff and his full staff have just arrived at Harbin, where headquarters have been established.

GERMAN MILITARY VIEWS.

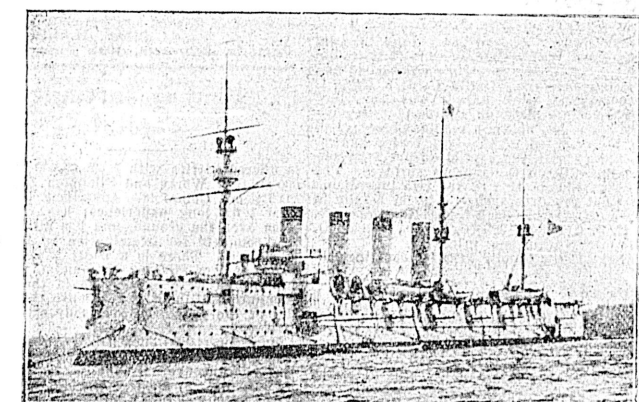
Berlin, Feb. 22.—The Militar Wochenblatt, the organ of the German general staff, has published an article discussing Russia's prospects of reinforcing her army in east Asia. The paper takes a pessimistic view of the capacity of the trans-Siberian railroad, and especially of the section crossing Lake Baikal, where it says the difficulties to be overcome are enormous. The limited capacity of the line is said to be a much more serious matter than the threatened damage to it by natives. The paper estimates the present troop-moving capacity of the railroad from Russia's ex-

State department has made public the text of the notes exchanged with the powers respecting the Far Eastern war. The United States note already has been published. The text of the remaining notes follows:

On February 13 the following answer was received from the Japanese govern-



Russian Belted Cruiser Rurik at Vladivostock.



Russian Armoured Cruiser Gromovi at Vladivostock.

New Chwang and Hsin Ming Tin are unfounded.

A Daily Mail despatch from Hong-kong says a British squadron is there, and that a corresponding French concentration of warships is occurring at Saigon, Indo-China, this supposedly as a result of the Anglo-French understanding.

MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS.

Indefinite reports of the movements of troops in the vicinity of the Yalu river and statements of attempts to cut the Siberian railroad are also published this morning.

The Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent of the Times describes a visit to Chemulpo on February 19th and the Japanese landing of railcars there, which he says demonstrated that the Japanese military organization is superior to that of any European power. A general Japanese advance along the Peking road to Korea, the correspondent continues, is expected shortly. The original plan was to land

disembarked and the Imperial Guards were to follow immediately. A general advance to Ping Yang is expected.

The methods of the Japanese excite the greatest admiration from all foreign military experts who witness them. British officers declare openly that it is an improvement over anything in their experience, and state that it indicates an organization superior to anything in Europe.

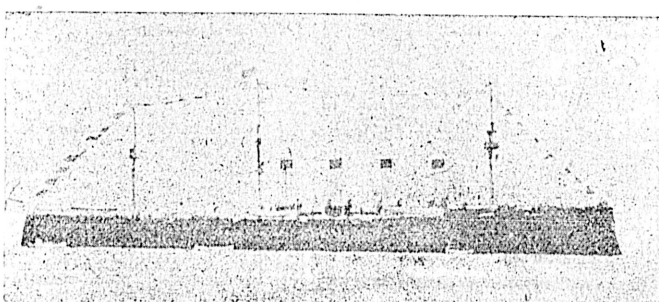
Japan's action in Korea amounts to an acceptance of responsibility of the safety of foreigners throughout Korea, and all apprehension of local disturbances have been allayed.

The original scheme on the part of the Japanese board of strategy has been to land at Masampo and march northward, but the naval victories changed all this and enabled the transport to land at Chemulpo.

While the Russian Siberian squadron remains intact at Vladivostock it is regarded as unlikely that Japan will attempt to land troops on the eastern coast. The road as far as Hwang Ju is good. It is flanked by paddy fields, which are at present frost bound and covered with two inches of ice. The conditions are such that it would be almost impossible for the Russians at present to check the Japanese advance. However, the district between the Yalu river and Ping Yang is of such strategic value as to necessitate strenuous efforts on the part of both combatants to occupy it.

Success by the Russians in this respect will render Chemulpo untenable as a base by the Japanese. On the other hand, should the Japanese successfully occupy it, they will have a clear field and an open sea behind them over which they can hurry additional troops as they are needed.

Russian scouting parties are known to be at Anju and it is believed that two companies of Japanese scouts have already reached Ping Yang. This being so, immediate skirmishing may be expected. As an evidence of Japanese intentions it is worthy of note that Japanese cruisers are busy patrolling towards northeastern Korea and but little Japanese artillery has been landed. Transports having on board



Russian Belted Cruiser Rossiya at Vladivostock.

perience last summer in moving two brigades to Tschita, east of Lake Baikal, which was only accomplished at the rate of about twelve miles an hour. At this rate it would take 36 days to convey 25,000 men from the Ural mountains to Mukden or Vladivostock.

The paper assumes the present strength of the Russian army in eastern Asia to be 158,761 men, and upon the foregoing estimate of time required to move troops, it declares it will not

swer was received from the Russian government: "The imperial government shares completely the desire to insure the tranquility of China; is ready to adhere to an understanding with other powers for the purpose of safeguarding the neutrality of that empire on the following conditions: Firstly—China must herself strictly observe all the clauses of neutrality. Secondly—The Japanese government must loyally ob-

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Russians

In Captivity

Refugees From Sunken War Ships Arrive at Colombo in British Ship.

Lifting of Censor's Embargo Proves to Have a String Attached.

Reported Defeat of Russian Vanguard at the Yalu With Great Loss.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

London, Feb. 23.—The Colombo, Ceylon, correspondent of the London Times cables that the governor has received a despatch from the Colonial Secretary Lyttelton informing him that within a short time three hundred and twenty-five Russian sailors, survivors of the battle at Chemulpo, will arrive on a British ship for detention in Ceylon pending the pleasure of the Russian government.

A despatch from Brussels to the London Times states that enormous quantities of revolvers are being shipped from the factory there to St. Petersburg. The weapons are intended for the Far East.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times states that St. Petersburg, in time of peace, one of the most difficult places for journalistic effort, has suddenly become a great centre for foreign correspondents. The continental press is at present flooded with large telegrams and letters from the Russian capital. While the decision apparently just taken to suspend the censorship on all news sent abroad from Russia was a surprise, the fact that it was stated that all war news must pass the censor, nullifies the other order.

The sudden rush of the Russian government into publicity has aroused suspicion in many quarters, where the question is being asked: "What is behind the move?" It is inconceivable that the Russian government, which is at great pains to conceal every important happening in time of peace, should now want to make public every happening of importance. A number of leading diplomats and army and naval officers are inclined to believe that, in permitting all manner of sensational stories to be spread broadcast, Russia hopes to influence the stock market in France, and thus cause a diversion throughout favoring Russia.

COLUMBIA RIVER WRECK.

Portland, Feb. 22.—Advices from Astoria state that a three-masted schooner has been wrecked on the north head of the Columbia river on the Washington shore. Part of the crew are clinging to the rigging. The scene of the wreck is most inaccessible.

GO TO TOKIO.

American Military Attaches Will Receive Further Instructions.

Washington, Feb. 22.—United States Minister Griescom cables as follows from Tokio: "It has been suggested by the war office at Tokio that our army officers to accompany the Japanese army had better go to Tokio, where they will be sent out with the various armies at different times."

Task Well-Nigh Impossible

General Kuropatkin About to Undertake a Practical Impossibility.

Austrian Military Experts Point Out Defects in the Russian System.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

London, Feb. 23.—The Vienna correspondent of the London Times states the announcement of the appointment of General Kuropatkin to the supreme command of the Russian army in Manchuria is accepted there as indicating that Russia recognizes the gravity of the situation. While admitting that General Kuropatkin is by an odds the best of the Russian commanders and admittedly the one man of all others to handle the situation, Austrian military experts declare that he has assumed a well nigh impossible task. He cannot do more than any one else, they declare, as he is handicapped by the mistakes that have been made in St. Petersburg in not putting the army in Manchuria on a war basis long ago. Manchuria, experts declare, is like South Africa in that great military reputations are bound to be lost there. It remains, therefore, to be seen whether General Kuropatkin who has not had an organized force to deal with since Plevna will demonstrate that he comprehends the change in modes of warfare that the past quarter of a century have brought forth.

Civic Matters Before Council

Little of Importance Transacted at Last Evening's Regular Weekly Meeting.

Complaint Is Made Again of Practice of Sawing Wood on Public Streets.

Yesterday evening's meeting of the city council was a brief and unimportant one, little save routine business being transacted. His Worship Mayor Hargrave presided and all the aldermen were present.

The secretary of the department of public works at Ottawa forwarded authority to proceed with the work of extending roadway across Rock bay.

The secretary of the Retail Grocers' Association asked for a conference with the council. It was decided to meet the grocers on Monday evening next.

Lindley Cress, secretary of the Anglican synod, asked if the city intended surveying the cemetery lots of the property of the synod at Ross bay. He referred to the cemetery committee and engineer for report.

Skene Love drew attention to the dirty condition of Birdcage walk, Young street and Carr street. He objected to the practice of sawing wood on the streets and the leaving of debris on the thoroughfares.

Ald. Beckwith moved that the letter be handed to the police commissioners. Ald. Vincent said there was street supervision to attend to street supervision.

Ald. Beckwith's motion carried. Moore & Whittington asked for permission to cut down poplar trees in front of the old agricultural hall at Beacon hill. Referred to the park committee.

E. P. Geiger, on behalf of the Plumbers' Association asked that a plumber be put in the plumbing department's residence. Received and will be put in if business warrants.

City Clerk Dowler reported having referred a number of minor requests to the council to the city engineer for report. Received and will be put in if business warrants.

The purchasing agent and plumbing inspector advised calling for new tenders for certain plumbing work at the city hall. Adopted.

Ernest T. Brazer, employed in the water commissioner's department asked for an increase in salary. Laid on the table.

The president of the Victoria Cricket Club asked for permission to remove the pavilion from Beacon hill to the new grounds at the Jubilee hospital. Permission granted.

Tenders for printing 250 copies of the water works' regulation by-laws were received from the following: Central Job Printing Company, \$24.75; P. & J. Publishing Co., \$23; J. & J. Printing Co., \$23.60. The contract was awarded to the Central Job Printing Co.

Tenders for supplying twenty-five valves for the water works department were received and referred to the water commissioner for report.

Tenders for electrical supplies were opened. The contract for carious was let to Hinton & Co. Their tender being the lowest, and the tender for globes received and referred to the city engineer.

The electric light committee reported adversely on the application to install a light on St. Charles street, as the circuit in that direction was now being operated to its fullest capacity. It recommended that lights be placed on Ilae street and Hillside avenue.

The report was received and adopted. The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$8,005. Adopted.

The special committee investigating the case of the loss of the cow belonging to Mr. Donaldson, reported that there was no evidence that the pound-keeper exceeded his duties; but recommended that the case be compromised. Adopted.

The streets committee recommended that the bond of A. O. Roy, contractor for the removal of certain buildings be not reduced from \$500. Re communication from the local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company dated the 11th inst., asking the council to instruct the city engineer to advise his company that the three bridges in the city are in a proper condition for ordinary tramway travel by regular passenger cars. It was recommended that the city engineer be authorized to send a reply in the same terms as were contained in an answer dated May 23, 1903, to a similar letter from the said company, dated May 18, 1903.

The by-law to amend the sewer by-law was put through its initial stages and the council then adjourned.

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Miss Ethel McAlpine, of Abbotsford, writes: "I suffered considerably from catarrh and throat trouble. I have tried Catarrhazone and found it better than anything I ever used before."

Mr. R. Shelton of Leamington, Ont., says: "For two years I unsuccessfully sought a remedy to cure my catarrh, but permanent results were not attained until Catarrhazone was used. It cured my little boy like magic and he has been quite free from catarrh ever since."

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Local News.

School Board Meeting.—A meeting of the board of school trustees for the transaction of general business will be held tomorrow evening in the council chamber at the city hall.

Y. M. C. A. Minstrels.—The second practice of the Y. M. C. A. minstrels was held last night at the rooms. There was a large turnout and everything went off very smoothly, the entertainment being well satisfied with their work.

Hebrews Ladies' Dance.—The Hebrew Ladies' held a well attended meeting yesterday afternoon and decided to give a fancy dress, dance and musical March 1st, in Victoria hall, Blanchard street. During the evening the beautiful crazy quilt will be raffled, all the tickets having been sold.

To Travel for C. P. R.—A Kelling, of Portland, Ore., has been appointed local traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway. Mr. Kelling is a railroad man of long experience. He has spent about fourteen years in the passenger and freight departments of various lines. For several years he has been connected with the Northern Pacific.

Funeral.—The funeral of the late Mrs. D. Andrews took place yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the residence of W. J. Hantz. The Rev. E. C. Miller conducted the services and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. T. Gilligan, A. Campbell, A. Lipskey, E. Martin, M. L. Jewell and J. W. Jewell. A large number of friends and many beautiful floral emblems were present.

Light the Lamps.—Several visitors to the city, besides residents of James bay, have put forward the suggestion that the city should arrange to have the glow of glow lights on the new retaining wall at James bay lighted each evening. They point out that at present the wall presents a most dismal and dejected appearance, which would be modified were the lamps lighted each evening.

Senator Domville on Deck.—Senator Domville, of St. John, N. B., who is well known in Victoria and the Yukon, last week sent his compliments to the Emperor of Japan, wishing His Majesty good luck in his forces in their struggle with the Japanese. He also sent the cable to let the head of the Japanese nation know that he had sympathized in far-away Canada. The next day he received the following reply: "Telegram was received with much satisfaction by the Emperor. (Signed) Minister Imperial Household."

A Pathetic Tale.—Mr. C. J. South, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, yesterday evening, at a meeting of the committee, gave a sad account of a stepmother's cruelty. According to the writers, she had succeeded to the care of two small boys, to whom she often refused to give food enough to eat. At the same time she was in a way that leads the writers to believe that some day she will kill them with her ill-treatment. They add that, as it is, the children are all scared and bruised from head to foot, and they implore Mr. South to come and take them away at once.

Old Wharf Falls.—On Friday night about 10 o'clock the good people of Esquimalt were seeking the land of the stars, when they were startled by a loud rumbling noise and a mighty splash. The first thought was that the noise was caused by another big blast, but as such would hardly be likely at 11 p.m., a number started out to investigate. The cause was soon found. The old wharf that was built in Esquimalt nearly fifty years ago had finished its battle for life and ended in a watery grave.

The wharf was condemned some time ago, and since then has been a great nuisance. The old wharf has a history. In the sixties and seventies all the steamers from "Frisco" hauled thousands of gold-seekers there, who were bound for Cariboo.

Salmon Fisheries Congress.—The Salmon Fisheries Congress, which opens in Seattle today, has some items in its programme of discussion of special interest to British Columbia centers. The congress is under the auspices of the federal government of the United States, H. C. Fassett, of the United States bureau of fisheries, being the prime mover in the matter.

The matter coming up for consideration which will attract most attention from provincial centers, will be the conclusions of the congress on the proposed hatchery to be located on the Fraser river. Secretary of State May has entered into correspondence with a view to arriving at some arrangement for the establishment of such a hatchery by which the United States could contribute to its support. The Washington state is desirous of having "coddus vivendi" being agreed upon as to a joint hatchery in the Fraser.

Chinese Exclusion.—It is the opinion of Hon. David Hendry, United States minister at Vancouver, that the Chinese immigration to Canada will not be diminished by the increase of the head tax from \$100 to \$500. Mr. Hendry said in an interview: "I think Canada will experience the same difficulty in the States now that the high head tax is on, in combating the many subtleties practiced by Chinese to get inside the law. In Canada the meaning of the word 'Chinese' is not limited to those from the United States. It will be found that this term will have to be accurately defined. The idea is to keep out cheap labor as a protection to the workmen, without working harm to the student and merchant class. It has been a serious problem, however, to prevent coolies getting in under the merchant and student class, and I think Canada will recognize the difficulty more clearly."

Enjoys Globe Trot.—J. T. Wilkinson, the well-known British Columbia who is afflicted with the globe-trotting habit, has been heard from. He left on December 1 and after spending two months in California left for Honolulu on February 2. In a letter received from the Hawaiian Isles, he says that he is cracking coconuts and picking bananas from the trees. From Japan he goes via India and all the other interesting places en route to the Holy Land. The pyramids of Egypt, the Eternal City and finally the "dear old country" will be his stopping places. It is more than likely that when Mr. Wilkinson returns he will be induced to give a lecture with photographic views of striking and picturesque scenes on his globe-trotting circuit. With his well-known ability and his facility for graphically describing his experiences, he could count on a crowded house. It is not beyond the range of probability that he may embody his experiences in a more enduring form by publishing a book descriptive of his tour.

There is no state in the Union in which the influence of woman is greater than in Massachusetts; and yet, strange to say, in that state is the disproportion between the salaries paid men and women teachers, respectively. In the public schools so great is it that the average monthly pay of the men is \$110.91 and that of the women \$52.75.

France gives hospitality to 1,280,211 foreigners, of whom 1,200,000 are Europeans, while there are only 230,000 Frenchmen abroad and 218,000 of that number in Europe. There are 468,300 Belgians in France, while the Italians on French soil number 257,042, against 12,000 French in Italy. There are exactly 600,000 more Germans in France than French in Germany. There are further 77,000 Spaniards, 54,000 Swiss, and 68,000 Russians in France.

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Japan's Readiness For Hostilities

Mail Advices Show Island Empire Took Absolutely no Chances.

After the State Council Meeting Sasebo Squadron Cleared For Action.

By the steamer Athenian which arrived from the Orient yesterday some further notes of the conditions immediately preceding the outbreak of war in Japan were obtained. According to those advices all hopes of peace had been abandoned by the Japanese people late in January when the days dragged on without any attempt on the part of Russia to reply to Japan's earnest note. Gradually the spirit of the people rose as it dawned upon them that Russia was perpetrating a studied policy to their country. Quotations from the Russian press, particularly Novoye Vremya, which recently referred to the coming annihilation of that race of contemptible barbarian pigmies, meaning the Japanese, have not failed of the effect to be expected. Some of the Japanese papers were passionately counselling the government to decline to receive Russia's answer, but to proceed with preparations for war as if all negotiations had been broken off. As a rule, however, the tone of the press was temperate and dignified, showing a patience and forbearance greatly admired by the foreigners.

When the rumor was circulated that the Russian note in reply, drawn up by the Imperial Russian State Council, and sanctioned by the czar, contained not even a reference to Manchuria, the main subject of contention in Japan's note, popular feeling rose to a high pitch, and exasperation was not concealed. The press and many of the public mind said that Russia's tardiness was tantamount to a challenge to war. The whole nation keenly felt the slight and implied in the leisurely manner of Russia, and the old fighting spirit rose day by day, till, when the Athenian left, it was practically boiling over, and every Japanese was frenzied with enthusiasm.

Immediately after the close of the grand council of state before the emperor, the general statements, including every member of the government were present, secret orders were issued to the Japanese fleet lying in the roads at Sasebo harbor. Within an hour that fleet's squadron completed the work of stripping for action, weighed anchor and steamed at good speed for the west.

Then, amongst the correspondents of the foreign newspapers, there was racing and chasing of the most exciting kind. Even the veteran diary of the war correspondent, Mr. Bennett Burleigh of the London Daily Telegraph could not for money, get transportation. Not a man of them was invited to accompany the fleet, and it was with feelings which can only be imagined faintly that they saw the lead-painted monsters disappear over the sunset rim of the Yellow Sea bound on a history-making errand.

Mr. Martin Egan, the clever representative and able associate president of the Orient, had again shown his astuteness, by preparing long beforehand a string of correspondents at every possible place where a fight on land or sea could take place, so that the A. P. could readily serve the world with news fresh from the battlefield. It seems that the A. P. had a man in Chifu, Pusan, Masampo, Chemulpo, Port Arthur, Dairen, Yungpoo, Gensan, Wai-hai-Wei, Kinchow, in fact, all over that section of the Orient. Bennett Burleigh at latest accounts, had completed satisfactory arrangements for getting to Korea. The Japanese plan of campaign, as guessed at by the military coterie in Tokio, was in effect, a naval attack on Port Arthur in conjunction with a land attack at the north end of Korea, a huge force to land at Broughton Bay and strike across the peninsula, 120 miles or so, seize Yungpoo, and then make a descent on Port Arthur, via Seoul. By all accounts something of this kind has been in the mind of the Japanese.

A fleet of transports lay ready at an hour's notice at Sasebo, another at Fukuoka, and another at a port further north on the coast of the island of Honshu. All the small-arm and ammunition factories throughout the empire were working overtime, while the gun foundries, steel mills and repair shops were also working full time with maximum forces. The reserves of all sorts of war material are astonishing, according to one well-informed correspondent. Copying the American plan, nearly everything used by the sea and land forces is kept in stock by the Japanese, no matter how large or small it may be, so that orders can be filled without loss of time.

The reserves of the first and second classes were busy drilling and being instructed in tactics everywhere throughout the land. It was computed that Japan could spare for the overseas expedition at least 175,000 troops of all classes, equipped with field, mountain and siege artillery, the full complement of cavalry, engineers, hospital corps, field telegraphs and commissariat.

The Mikado's favorite ballad just now is: "I want Tozo tomorrow, And I want Tozo today."

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It was the Dutch!
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It was the Dutch!
It was the Dutch!

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Miss Alice Pollard was at her best as Violet Grey, the Salvation Army Lassie and "The Belle of New York." Miss Olive Moore made a hilarious Fifth, the little Parisienne, and her acting in the scenes with Miss Lily Moore (Harry Bronson) was very clever.

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Chitty-Greenwood.—On Sunday evening Rev. H. J. Wood united in marriage at his residence, Kane street, Mr. Chas. F. Chitty, of Hinton & Co., and Miss Grace Dorothy Greenwood, daughter of Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. and Mrs. Chitty left for the Sound on their wedding tour, and on their return will make their home in this city.

Practice Tomorrow.—The regular practice for the preparation of the oratorio "The Elijah" will be held in the school room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church tomorrow evening commencing at 8 o'clock sharp. After the practice for "Elijah" some time will be devoted to the choruses of the oratorio "Creation," preparatory to the lifeboat concert on the 8th of March next.

Dominion Exhibition.—The committee of the Victoria Agricultural Society having the matter in hand, have prepared a memorial to the Ottawa government, setting forth the advantages Victoria has to offer as a point at which to hold the big Dominion exhibition of 1905. The committee have gone into the matter very thoroughly and are of the opinion that they have made out a very strong case.

Enlarging Schools.—At the next meeting of the board of school trustees a special committee will recommend the building of four rooms to the Central school. This will relieve the cramp in that portion of the city and to some extent in the North ward. If the application for \$30,000 is allowed a new school will be built in the Victoria West district.

Addition to Hospital.—Today the finishing touches will be put upon the Strathcona wing of the Royal Jubilee hospital and it is expected that Contractor Catterall will hand over the building to the architect, Mr. Kattenbach, some time during the week. The structure is a very important addition to the hospital and the manner of its construction reflects credit upon the architect and the contractor.

To Build Cottages.—The purchasers of the property on the corner of Superior and Menzies streets, known as the "Bunches" estate, have caused a considerable portion of the lot pointing on Superior street, and intend erecting at an early date three modern cottages thereon. Plans for the buildings are now being drawn. They will be thoroughly up to date and handsome in design.

Mr. Harvey's Residence.—The large, two-story residence, formerly the home of the late Hon. Robt. Dunsmuir, but in recent years conducted as a boarding house by Mrs. Langley, is to be vacated shortly, the property having passed into the hands of Mr. Harvey, who will shortly take up his residence there. The structure is to undergo a process of improvement and renovation in the interim.

Farmers' Social.—A basket social and dance under the auspices of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute will be given in Agricultural hall, Saanichton, on Thursday evening, March 3rd. To accommodate those who attend there will be a special train at 7:15. A special meeting of the institute will be held in Temperance hall, Cedar hill, on the following evening, at 8 o'clock, to receive and discuss the report of the executive committee of the Farmers' Association.

Police Court.—In the Police court yesterday, Tommy Macdonald appeared on the old charge, drunkenness, and was fined \$7.50 or in default 15 days' imprisonment with hard labor. Another drunkard forfeited his bail of \$10. A. L. Lewis pleaded guilty to drunkenness, but was not taken into custody, when he will appear for sentence if he is in town. A young man gathered in by the police for drunkenness left his watch in lieu of bail. He did not appear and a summons will be issued.

Korean Minister Sails.—A passenger on the outbound Empress of China last evening was Minho, who was Korean minister to Washington. In an interview he said: "Korea, as you know, is preserving a strict neutrality, and is not concerned in the outcome of the war. I think Japan may attend to her army and navy, and though not so large is better disciplined and capable of better work than the soldiers of the Czar. How the war will end is difficult to state."

Chinese Departed.—On the outgoing Empress of China last evening were 51 Chinese who are being deported by the C. P. R. They took passage from China to points in the United States, but were prevented from doing so because the United States immigration authorities to permit them to enter that country, they would return whence they came without protest. It is on such a basis that the Chinese are being deported. The batch of Chinese now en route home have been in the East for some months.

New Barber Shop.—Mr. George Payne has bought out the barbering business carried on by Mr. Winn on Johnson street, and has made a number of alterations and improvements that should attract a good deal of patronage. Besides having the entire premises beautifully renovated and decorated, Mr. Payne has installed three splendid porcelain basins. Mr. Payne, who is very well known around town, is a native of this city, and has a number of patrons in his new and handsome premises, especially as the service is first class.

Examine Children's Teeth.—Washington state education authorities have determined to have an exhaustive examination made of the teeth of the school children of the state by an expert. Professor Yoder, of Washington, will start on his tour of inspection. The educationists of Washington have become alarmed at the alleged defective condition of the children's teeth, and, knowing the importance of having the teeth on the physique, have decided to put off no time in meeting the issue.

Pastor's Farewell.—On Sunday evening Rev. R. B. Ryle took formal leave of the congregation of the Congregational church. The farewell service, which was of a most impressive character, was in charge of Mr. George Chitty, who referred to the circumstances which necessitated the pastor's removal from the city. Rev. Mr. Ryle replied in a few well chosen words. During the evening a very pleasing musical programme was carried out under the leadership of W. K. Kimball, the selections being of a most choice and appropriate character. Solos were also rendered by Mrs. Gregson and Miss Sowerby. There was a very large congregation present, the church being crowded to the doors.

The Edison Theatre.—The show at the Edison yesterday made a great hit, particularly the Bronsons in a highly dramatic sketch entitled "Jim, a Pen Picture From Life." It is something entirely new to Victoria audiences and was received with great applause. Neff & Miller appeared in an entirely new musical comedy, which was well received. Their routine baseball game was a scream from start to finish and they also did some new dances. They are by long odds the best dancing and singing team in the profession and were compelled to give many encores during the evening. Mr. Harry Clinton Sawyer made his appearance, sang new songs and was received as well as he was when he last appeared. Mr. Harry Clinton Sawyer made his appearance, sang new songs and was received as well as he was when he last appeared. Mr. Harry Clinton Sawyer made his appearance, sang new songs and was received as well as he was when he last appeared.

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Meeting Postponed.—There will be no marine school meeting this evening, owing to the absence from the city of the local agent of marine and fisheries, who is in Vancouver on departmental business.

Meet This Evening.—The Sons of St. George will meet this evening. The grand president of the Pacific Coast Jurisdiction, L. H. Cocking, of Nanaimo, will be in attendance. In addition to the usual business of the lodge a lot of support will be served.

Poor Season Expected.—G. I. Wilson, president of the British Columbia Packers' Association, which owns most of the canneries on the Fraser and many in the North, states that next season's crop of fish will be very small and that it has been decided to put a number of packing plants out of operation, 5 or 6 on the Fraser and on the northern coast.

Church and State.—Last Sunday evening Dr. Campbell intimated to his congregation that he would next Sunday evening give an address on the union of church and state, should the Bible be taught or religious instruction given in schools supported by the state and should the state support the church of any or every denomination.

Conference With Grocers.—A conference between the city council and members of the Retail Grocers' Association will be held at the request of the latter body on Monday evening next. Several matters affecting the interests of the grocers are to be discussed, among them being the question of hawkers and peddlers' licenses.

Fire at Treadwell.—Fire completely destroyed the newly constructed Y. M. C. A. building at Treadwell Friday evening. The building, which was the new building of its kind in the North, containing a complete gymnasium, billiard rooms, library, reading rooms and baths. Five smaller buildings were destroyed. The loss is about \$20,000. The Y. M. C. A. will rebuild.

Happily Wed.—Last evening at the First Presbyterian church the Rev. Dr. Campbell, in the presence of the friends of the bride and bridegroom, celebrated the marriage of John Andrew Graham of New Brunswick and Margaret Jane McAfee of Victoria.

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Winter Life In
The Klondike

Old Camp Makes a Good Demonstration of Its Staying Qualities.

More Work Done on the Various Claims This Year Than Last.

Klondike is making a great record this winter. The old camp is making an admirable demonstration of its staying abilities, says the Seattle P-L.

Careful investigations and checkings of operations on every claim in the camp reveal the fact that more work has been done this winter than last. Hundreds of great claims are turning out millions of buckets of gravel filled with precious golden treasure which will be washed free when the waters begin to trickle down the hills next spring. The year's output will be no great if not greater than that of last year.

Dawson does not feel the thrill of excitement of early days, but she remains the great distributing point. Stores throughout the camp supply the miners at their homes, but Dawson is the base of supplies.

More pay dirt has been taken out of Klondike mines and put on the dump to date this year than at the same date last year. The outlook is that at the end of the winter the quantity of pay dirt will exceed that taken out all last winter. The gold to be taken from the dumps will be as great in value if not greater than that produced last winter.

This important summary is given by Credit Manager Lindsay of the Northern Commercial Company, who is perhaps in better touch with the work on the creeks than any other business man in Dawson. In Mr. Lindsay's department are the collectors and creek lieutenants of the company, who watch carefully all the workings of the creeks and report regularly in a strict, business-like manner, as a protection to the interests of the company through the supplies furnished the great number of operators.

The splendid activity reported by Mr. Lindsay is but only a part of the work that Klondike will continue a heavy producer for years.

The supplies which the men on the numerous creeks received at the beginning of the winter season are becoming exhausted, and the men are coming to the city for new supplies. The fact that they have outdumps warranting the advancement of goods is considered one of the most favorable commentaries possible.

G. Harry Lawrence, one of the creek collectors of the Northern Commercial Company, who is in the city, corroborates the predictions of Mr. Lindsay, and feels that the outlook for the camp is good. He and Mr. Lindsay agree that the camp is more settled in its method of operation than ever before, and that while there may not be the spectacular fortunes of olden days made again by many, the Klondike long will be a producer on an extensive scale and that thousands of men will continue to work its placers.

The most productive creeks in the camp this winter, according to Messrs. Lindsay and Lawrence, are Sulphur, Dominion and Hunker. Far more work is being done on them than on the famous old creeks of Eldorado and Bonanza. Eldorado and Bonanza are becoming summer propositions to such a great extent that their winter showings are small in comparison to the three other creeks mentioned.

Other small streams on which there is much work considering their size this winter include Quartz, Gold Bottom and the mouth of Bear.

Sulphur in particular is receiving loud praise from the commercial community for its splendid showing. The pay there seems to average up better than anywhere else. There is a complaint of spotted ground. Several years ago Sulphur was under the odium of being extremely spotted. Now the pay is located.

The miners, the operators say, do not come to town as often as they did in previous years, but are steadily consuming the city with dust and after spending a having a good time sought credit for grubstake, but now the companies exact the dust before it is spent in other channels, and this has a tendency to cut off so much free circulation of money in the town. Another reason given for the decrease in the circulation of the

miners' money in the city is the fact that everything under the sun that he needs or wants, from food to liquor, and that with the conveniences of creek stores or agencies of the big companies and local amusements of the creeks, he will not spend part of his valuable time and perhaps \$75 in stage fare, hotel bills and the like, in coming to the city, especially when he is working on a closer margin than in earlier days when the ground was richer.

A Small Fire.—The fire department was called shortly after 1 o'clock last evening to the Indian bazaar on Johnson street, conducted by Fred Landsberg, where a small fire was found to be in progress in the upper story. It had started next a brick wall and was gaining considerable headway when Chief Watson's men arrived with the chemical and gave it its quietus. The damage will probably amount to \$100. The origin of the blaze is a mystery.

China's Empress
Dowager Dead

Advices Received By Victoria Members of Chinese Reform Society.

Progressives Are Jubilant at Removal of Celestial Empire's Tyrant.

Amongst the members of the Chinese Reform Society of Victoria there is much quiet rejoicing at the news of the death of the old Empress Dowager of the celestial empire. The unregretted demise took place in Peking about two weeks ago, and advices received from the Orient lately confirm the rumor to that effect which has been in circulation, and which was found incorrect until yesterday to substantiate.

It appears, from the private correspondence received by members of the Reform party here, that the shuffling off of the old lady was quite in accordance with her sweetest wish, as "a happy fechter," she deceased like a wildcat that has partaken of strychnine meat, and her attendants sought an atmosphere less laden with cobalt and azure, for the renard of the lady were simply unpalatable. So say the private reports, probably from prejudiced persons, but the main fact remains, that she stood in the path of all progress in China and kept alive the insane hatred for the foreign, and made it impossible for the enlightened men who stood ready for years to put China on the same path which has placed Japan high up amongst the powers of the world, is dead.

The obsequies took place without the usual solemnities accorded to the descendants of the Lord of Heaven. They were hushed and hurried, and at dead of night, according to a veracious Chinaman, a member of the progressives in this city. Another of the reformers who was asked whether the dead Empress had gone to heaven, laughed scornfully and, pointing to the floor, said that she had gone to join her husband, the dead.

It is hinted that many of the local Chinese who have identified themselves with the work of reform in their native country may return to China to continue their labors there. One of the things now expected and great certainty is a revolution, in which all the progressives in the empire will unite under some leader, and perhaps form a new government with a view to giving China improved conditions, such as greater personal liberty, more modern education, the reorganization of the finances and the military and naval forces, and in general the adoption of Western civilization in a modified form. The reformers are sanguine that all this and more can be accomplished. They say that they have the leaders waiting ready in China to begin the work so soon as the hour arrives.

One Chinaman said that he was of the opinion that within seven years China would have an army of ten million men, armed and equipped and trained after the European standard. Meetings of the local branch of the Chinese Reform Society are being held at the Chinese Club, and steps are being taken to communicate with all the members of the society in America with a view to concerted action as soon as possible.

Carry Their
Own Refutation

Captain Troup Declines to Discuss Seattle Paper's Columnies.

Articles Attacking Steamer Princess Beatrice Contradicted By Facts.

Captain Troup, manager of the C. P. R. Steamship Company, was visited in his office yesterday by a Colonist representative and asked if he had anything to say regarding the extraordinary statements appearing in the columns of the Seattle Times with reference to the Sound steamboat service, references in which much is being said in disparagement of the steamer Princess Beatrice. The Colonist has published the articles in question to let the people of Victoria see the kind of stuff that is being circulated across the Sound to try to bolster up one company at the expense of another. Captain Troup said that he had read the articles, but that he did not think they called for any extended notice. He had no more to say about the matter than that the articles clearly carried their own refutation to everyone who was in the least acquainted with the conditions. The majority of the statements made were quite incorrect. He said that anyone could see for himself by going to the wharf any night whether the Princess Beatrice was an unpopular boat or not. The company were not dissatisfied with the present condition of affairs. Further than this the captain declined to discuss the matter, at least for the present. He closed by saying that, as to the running time of the steamer Princess Beatrice, the matter had been most carefully thought out in all its bearings, and it was found that the Princess Beatrice and departure of the steamer at this port exactly met the requirements of all concerned.

ATHENIAN ARRIVES.
She Had a Tempestuous Voyage from Yokohama Nearly all the Way.

The C. P. R. steamer Athenian reached Victoria yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock from Yokohama and the Orient ports, and left again for Vancouver shortly after. From the first day out from the Japanese port the Athenian met exceedingly heavy weather, and ran into some hurricanes which surpassed for violence anything in the experience of the oldest officers aboard. Head seas made the going slow, and even dangerous, at times, and the course had to be altered a number of times. She took aboard a good many heavy seas, both fore and aft, but fortunately they did no serious damage. There were no passengers for Vancouver, but 75 Japanese for Vancouver, four cabin passengers and ten stowaways. The Athenian had little freight for this port.

She brought no news of particular interest having left before the war broke out. The war feeling was very strong amongst all classes, and the hope of a peaceful solution of the dispute had been abandoned by everybody. It could be seen that Japan was making herculean efforts to prevent the Russian army for the expected struggle, and passengers on the Athenian said that Japan was going into the fight as well prepared as it was possible to make her.

FOR THE ORIENT.

The C. P. R. steamer Empress of China, Captain Archibald, R. N. R., left last evening for the Orient ports with her full cargo of Canadian produce and the following passengers: Mrs. J. B. Worth, M. H. Hardywood, C. A. Bonell, Col. Manfield, Major N. Matheida, R. Manick, A. R. Dunlop, W. C. Hayes, Robert Dunn, John A. Brown, E. Howe and wife, A. R. Parkin, H. T. James, J. H. Meuns, J. Ferguson, W. S. Oatman, Chong Mo Hong, Y. H. Wen, Min Hin Cho, Leung Yo, Ye Chi, Mr. Johnstone and Mrs. Johnstone and wife, E. G. Edmonston and Mr. Fuller.

NO ASIATIC SEAMEN.

Bill Before Congress to Bar Out Chinese From American Ships.

Representative Edward J. Livernash has introduced a bill to prevent the employment of Chinese upon American vessels. The measure is presented at the request of the International Sailors' union and is designed to give the Pacific coast white seamen a fair chance. The bill provides that any Chinese who are employed on American ships at low wage rates have an advantage which will be overcome if this bill becomes a law, by reason of a subsidy equal to the difference in wages paid to Asiatic and white seamen. During the Chinese exclusion debates two years ago, similar provision failed, and an amendment to the ship subsidy bill was proposed without result.

RATE WAR AVERTED.

Pacific Coast Steamship Company Wins a Threatened Fight.

The Pacific Coast Steamship company and the steam schooner owners of San Francisco have averted a threatened rate war by an agreement. The Pacific Coast Steamship company has decided to abandon its intention of entering the harbor carrying business and the schooner owners have agreed to advance the passenger rates to southern ports.

The steamship company has receded from the stand it has taken for the past few months while the steam schooner men have practically made no concession; on the contrary they have gained a point. Hereafter passengers traveling on steam schooners to San Pedro and other southern ports will have to pay \$2.50 for a first-class fare and \$7 for a second-class fare, whereas in the past fares were \$7.50 and \$5.50. By this increase in rates the officials of the Pacific Coast Steamship company figure that their more commodious steamers will receive a greater part of the passenger traffic which in the past has been dividing away because of the low rates charged by the steam schooner men.

CORRESPONDENTS GAZETTE.

The Kobe Chronicle of January 27th, said the contest is likely to be the best-reported event in the history of Japan. War correspondents are flocking thick and fast to the East. The majority of these gentlemen are staying in Japan—preferably the east end for a few days, but will soon be on their way to Korea and Manchuria, whether they have been preceded by a number of correspondents who have already visited those parts and returned for a while. A further batch of correspondents arrived in Yokohama by the Siberia on Monday, the list including Captain Lionel James and Mr. Frazar, both of the London Times, Mr. Fred Phillips of the Express, Mr. Sheldon Williams of the Sphere, Mr. Oscar K. Davis of the New York Herald, Mr. Frederick Palmer of Collier's Weekly, and Mr. Jack London for the Hearst papers. Mr. Dunn, for Collier's Weekly, passed through Kobe yesterday for Korea, and according to the Japan Advertiser, Mr. Richard Harding Davis, the American novelist, is also expected to work at the front in the interests of the same magazine.

KNOWS PORT ARTHUR WELL.

Skipper of Lyra Describes Famous Russian Stronghold, Also Dalny.

When the steamer Lyra was here the other day a Colonist reporter had a chat with Captain Williams of that vessel, and learned from him some interesting particulars of the condition ex-

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Ising at Port Arthur, Dalny and Vladivostok. Port Arthur harbor, said the captain, is not up to much, and it has required an enormous expenditure to put it into even its present shape for traffic. The Russians are sparing no expense to make it a really great shipping port, and no doubt in the course of years it will develop into something of the kind. It is defended by immensely strong fortifications, armed with the latest improved ordnance. The reason why the Japanese torpedo craft could work with such seeming impunity so close to the forts are perched upon high bluffs, and on the torpedoes run in under the shadow of the hills the guns above could not be depressed sufficiently to pay any pointed compliments to the little destructive vessels, which did their duty without molestation, until they broke to run in the channel in retiring after the launching their deadly missiles.

Port Arthur roadstead is not a nice place for a ship to be when it comes on to blow hard from the north, and in the winter it is very much exposed to southwest winds. In Port Arthur are to be seen some splendid buildings, both business blocks and private residences, while on the streets can be noted the equipages of people of wealth and fashion. If it is a new town, it is certainly a progressive one, and its appearance speaks highly for the Russian pioneers of the Far East. It is, of course, the seat of the victory, and the brilliant suite, and a very gay set of place here being a theatre in which excellent companies perform, not to speak of a continual round of banquets, balls and other social functions.

Dalny is a place where Russia has sunk five million dollars in the endeavor to make a town. It is just around the corner from Port Arthur, and is the old town of Tachenan. There are to be seen splendid buildings, fine residences, equal to any to be found in American cities ten times the size, tramcars, fine stores and well-dressed crowds on the streets. Great public works are being carried on there, and the prospect of the place before the war were that it would blossom into quite a city of importance in a few years. The Russians seemed to take a great pride in Dalny, and from the magnitude of the public works it is evident that the government's intentions for the place were of a very ambitious sort.

Up in Vladivostok the ice extends for fourteen miles to sea beyond the harbor, and the entrance to the harbor is kept open by a couple of enormously strong ice-breakers, which every day come thundering and plunging through the ice, often two feet thick, sometimes three feet, and four if it were pie crust. It is quite incorrect, the captain said, to imagine that the four cruisers at present headquarters there are icebound. They are nothing of the sort; they can come out at any time they want to take the sea. But they are perfectly safe from attack from the sea, as no warship, however strong, could ever force a passage through the ice to Vladivostok harbor. That harbor, the captain said, is the most charming and picturesque on the whole East Asian coast. It is deep and roomy, and affords first-rate anchorage. It is defended with fortifications almost as strong as if not stronger than those at Port Arthur. The garrison kept there is always large and seems to be composed of picked troops. Improvements at Vladivostok are also being pushed actively, with the intention of making it really the place, the great northern depot of supply. Vladivostok lies almost due east of the Tszu-tsu strait, on which is situated the important city of Hakodate.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Lyra sailed for Tacoma yesterday morning after discharging her Victoria freight.

The steamer Wellington passed up the coast last night from San Francisco, for a cargo of coal.

The steamer Mowera is expected to reach Victoria tomorrow or next day from Australia.

D. G. S. Quadra is almost ready to enter commission. She has been thoroughly overhauled during her stay in port.

H. M. S. Shearwater is en route to Port Arthur, where H. M. S. Flora is to follow her on completion of her repairs. H. M. S. Grafton is cruising on the South American coast.

The steamer Amur left for Skagway and the Yukon ports on Saturday night. She had quite a large number of passengers and was to take on others at Vancouver.

Messrs. Spratt & Bechtel have secured the contract for the repairs to the steamship Tees, now in the Spratt ways across the harbor. The amount of the contract is considerable, and the time allowance is thirty days, when the ship must be ready for sea. Active operations are now on the repairs yesterday and will be rushed to a finish.

Fearful weather has been experienced on Lyra canal for days back. The staunch steamers Alki and Ramona have encountered the full fury of the blasts and have had to retreat to shelter. The sea has been running literally mountains high on the canal, making progress impossible even for large craft. The wind has been from the north and cruel cold.

In Germany 158 acres for every 1,000 of the population are planted with potatoes—almost five times as much as in the United States.

Marquis Ho, now one of Japan's greatest men, was once a stowaway. A plot to assassinate him had been formed, and he was hidden by a woman who was attached to him till he could be smuggled aboard an English ship in a bale of silk. When he was discovered he was not molested, but he sold to the captain and offered to wait his way to England as a steward. This was in 1863. He stayed a year in England.

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There are large reserve funds in the treasury, on paper, at all events, totaling about \$50,000,000, while a sum of \$202,000,000 is kept in gold in the state bank. The treasure of the empire is said to be worth a \$100,000,000, or even more, could be utilized in any great national emergency.

The area of Japan is 160,000 square miles, including Formosa, or one third larger than the area of the United Kingdom, standing 45,000,000 in 1900, and is increasing at the rate of 500,000 annually. Her revenue and expenditure are each \$27,300,000 and she has reserve funds for war totaling about \$100,000,000, or rather more, available only in a great national emergency.

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